

LOWENSTEIN SANDLER PC
Attorneys at Law

65 Livingston Avenue
Roseland, NJ
07068-1791



Tel 973.597.2500
Fax 973.597.2400
www.lowenstein.com

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 27 2005

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

FROM: Alex R. Pagano, Reg. No. 44,994
Re: U.S. Patent No. 10/717,856

Date January 27, 2005

TEL: 973.597.6202 FAX: 973.597.2400 E-MAIL: apagano@lowenstein.com

TO: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment (Art Unit 1731)
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FAX NO.: 703-872-9306
VOICE
NO.:

Items:

- (1) Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (7 sheets);**
- (2) Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (1 sheet);**
- (3) Duplicate Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (1 sheet); and**
- (4) This fax cover (1 sheet).**

TOTAL PAGES (WITH COVER) 10

CLIENT ID/MATTER #: V8998-6

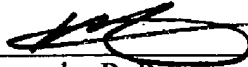
If you have any trouble with this transmittal, please call 973.597.6202

This facsimile contains Privileged and Confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient, dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original facsimile to the above address. We will reimburse you for all expenses incurred. Thank You.

V8998/6
01/27/2005 1671419.01

JAN 27 2005

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9306 on January 27, 2005.


Alexander R. Pagano
Reg. No. 44,994
Attorney for Applicant

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of E. Mies

Serial No.: 10/717,856

Filing Date: November 19, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMING LOW OPTICAL LOSS
SPLICES

Attorney Docket No. V8998-6

Examiner: J. M. Hoffmann

Art Unit: 1731

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 27, 2004 (the "Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-captioned application (the "Application"). Claim amendments are set forth below.

V8998/6
01/27/2005 1669466.03